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The following are the fixtures of the Hong-kong Football Club for the next few days:—To-morrow afternoon—Assoc. practice. Kick-off at 4.45 p.m.; Monday, March 2—Rugby practice; Thursday, March 5—Club v. F. Company, R.B. All members are invited to attend the two practices.

On Sunday, 9th February, a serious fire broke out in the upper portion of Bangkok, caused by a Chinese cracker. At one time several European houses were in danger, and it was mainly owing to the efforts of European residents, led by Mr. French, H.B.M. Consul, that the German Club was saved.

Snow fell at Foochow from 6 to 8 o'clock on the morning of the 10th inst., but as it was followed by rain and subsequently by a bright sun all traces of it soon vanished excepting on the hill tops. It is stated that there had been snow in Foochow only once before during the last forty years, and that was in January, 1893.

Yesterday afternoon the remains of Mr. R. Wilson (of Messrs Kelly and Walsh) were interred at the Happy Valley. The funeral was largely attended, upwards of 150 persons being present, including the officers and members of St. John's Lodge. The coffin was carried from the house to the mortuary chapel by the officers of St. John's Lodge, of which Mr. Wilson was the Past Senior Warden, and from the chapel to the grave. Numerous wreaths and immortelles were placed on the grave by his sorrowing friends. Mr. Wilson was one of the most popular young men in the Colony, having made himself many friends by his frankness of disposition and bonhomie. When he first came to the Colony he took considerable interest in athletic matters, and took part successfully in many cycling and swimming contests. Much sympathy is felt for his relatives at home.

The annual 64-pr. competition of the Field Battery of the Hongkong V.C. took place at Stonecutters' Island on the China New Year holiday. This year the competition was converted from an individual to a detachment competition, and the result was so satisfactory, leading to a marked improvement in gun drill, that the new arrangement will probably be adhered to. The reason that some of the detachments show so few points in drill was through losing points over small details, the referees, Captain Gordon (Adjutant) being very strict. Sergeant Wylie's detachment had undoubtedly put in the best work at drill prior to the competition, but some of his younger men got excited and by their faults of commission lost the first place. The gun-laying of Sergeant Wylie's detachment was exceedingly good, and it was to this excellence they owed their victory. For the second year in succession, therefore, the Challenge Cup goes to Kowloon Dock. Captain McCallum's Cup goes to Sergeant Wylie, as senior of the detachment, and each man under his command will wear the Corps stars. The following were the scores:—

	Points.	Shoot- ing.	Time.	Total.
DETACHMENTS.	Log.	Drill.	Points.	
Sergt. J. Wylie.....	180	120	300	
" W. Z. Wylie.....	100	140	240	
" R. E. Lamont.....	100	180	280	
" J. Brimicombe.....	90	160	250	
" D. Macdonald.....	80	180	260	
" G. C. Hayward.....	70	180	250	

We have already mentioned the approaching performance by the Musin Company. It is as unnecessary to say anything in the way of praise of Mr. Oryda Musin, as it is of Chabrier de Koutski, because the Belgian virtuoso has a world-wide reputation, and to sound his praises would be merely to attempt the impossible task of painting the lily. Since leaving America on the present tour, the Company has had an appreciative reception wherever it appeared, and had the honour of appearing before the Emperor of Japan. We take the following paragraph from a Yokohama contemporary:—At one o'clock to-day a Court carriage will call at the Hotel Metropole, Tokyo, to carry Mr. and Mrs. Musin and Mr. Edward Schacht to the Imperial Palace, they having been called by His Majesty the Emperor to appear before His Majesty and give a grand concert. We are much pleased to know that Musin has been so highly honoured, for his company are not only the greatest musicians who have ever visited Japan, but it gives great pleasure to the foreign community to see the Emperor of Japan recognize first-class artists when they are passing through his domain. We believe Musin is the first one who has been so honoured for many years. The officials who heard him in Tokyo were so pleased with the wonderful talent displayed that, on his being reported to His Majesty the Emperor, Musin was commanded to appear at the Palace. This will be an honour much appreciated by Mr. Musin, as he has appeared before the late Wilhelm I. of Germany, Alexander III. of Russia, and many others, and been decorated by them with several orders.

W. Robinson & Co. have 100 Plants for Hire on Monthly Payments, also Plants returned from Hire cheap.

The ponies are busy training for the Foochow Race meeting, which takes place on the 17th, 18th and 19th March.

The U.S.S. *Detroit*, which arrived at Shanghai on the 20th inst., made the passage from Nagasaki in twenty-six hours, which is a record run.

The German cruiser *Arcona* and *Kormoran* left Amoy for Foochow on the 21st February, and the Japanese cruiser *Kushikima* (Capt. Matsunaga) left for Formosa.

At the Sanitary Board meeting to-morrow, the President will move:—That the Sanitary Board, under the provisions of bye-law No. 22 made under Ordinance 16 of 1894, authorize the Medical Officer of Health and his Staff to make a house-to-house visitation within that portion of the City of Victoria bounded on the North by the Praya, on the South by the Cairns and Bonham Roads, on the East by Wyndham Street, and on the West by the western boundaries of Marine Lot No. 184 and Inland Lot No. 833, for the purposes stated in the bye-law referred to.

The numerous Hongkong friends of Mr. J. H. Y. Lobley, late purser of the *Empress of Japan*, will be interested to learn that when he left Vancouver by the C. P. R. express en route for England nearly the whole of the ship's company were at the station, as also a number of citizens to wish God speed to a popular shipmate and an esteemed fellow-citizen. Mr. Lobley (says a Vancouver journal) is followed by the hearty good wishes of numerous friends, and the warm manner in which he is cheered as the train pulled out testified to the popularity and esteem in which he is held by them.

An inquiry was held by Mr. T. Sercombe Smith, at the Magistrate's court this afternoon, into the circumstances attending the death of the man whose body was found on the hillside at Wong-nai-chong on Sunday. The remains have been identified as those of a broker who lived at 135 Circular Roadway. It was stated he left there on the 4th January and said he was going to Wong-nai-chong. His landlord asked him for his rent, and he said he was going to collect money. The man was in a half-starved condition. A letter was found on the body written in Chinese, dated 24th February, but its contents throw no light on how the man came to be there. The inquiry was adjourned till Saturday.

The usual sale of ponies which follows upon the Race Meeting was held yesterday afternoon, when Mr. T. F. Hough disposed of sixty-nine ponies by auction in front of the City Hall. Most of the ponies had competed at the Race Meeting. The bidding for *Ambitious* ran up from \$100 to \$600, and as no further advance was made he was withdrawn. Mr. Landale became possessor of *Sleepy Jim* at \$180; Mr. Marry, *Harold* at \$135, and *Morrison* bought in by Major Thomas for \$155. *Albany* brought in \$140 from Mr. Landale, who also purchased *Variation* for \$130. *Vagabond* was sold to Mr. Gresson for \$150, *Vigilant II.* to Mr. Gedge for \$165. The price paid by Mr. Landale for *Nigger* was \$125; and Mr. Whitehead secured *Kingstons* for \$160. *Bluebell* went to Mr. Gruekshank for \$200. Amongst the other prices obtained were:—*Truce*, for \$125, to Captain Barrie; *Bantam*, for \$145, and *Speedwell*, \$135, to Mr. Landale; *Grey Leg*, \$125, Son of a Gun, \$115, Canary, \$165, *Beauque*, \$120, to Mr. Kennedy; *Komiks*, to Captain Radcliffe, for \$100; *Conant*, \$150, and *Borderer* \$190, to Mr. Cumming; *Paradox*, \$105, and *Dummore*, \$115, to Mr. Gresson; *Monte Carlo*, \$100, and *Dragon*, \$170, to Mr. Marry.

A Police constable patrolling his beat this morning at four o'clock discovered smoke issuing from the first floor of No. 308 Queen's Road Central. He at once gave the alarm, and the fire brigade, under Captain Hastings and Mr. Baddeley, quickly arrived on the spot from No. 5 Station. The fire quickly spread, and the whole building was soon enveloped in flames. The Brigade busied themselves firing the hydrants to the street mains, but when these were fixed it was discovered there was no water. The fire by this time had spread to No. 311. Salt water was then brought into requisition, and the fire was soon extinguished. About six o'clock, just as day was breaking, the roof of the building where the fire originated fell in with a loud crash. Many were entertained for the safety of several of the brigade who were in the ground floor, but on the roof being called none of the members were missing. One of the fire inmates of the first floor of No. 308 stated at the Police Station this morning that they were awakened by the cry of fire, but the suspicious circumstance about the case is that the policeman did not see him leave the building. He then stated he ran up the stairs, but the inmates of the upper story deny that he came up there. It is supposed there was no person in the second story. The first floor is insured with the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, in two policies of \$5,000 each. The ground floor was occupied by a broker and is insured with *Sohalase & Company* for \$2,400, and also in the *Meiji* Fire Insurance Company for \$2,000. The top floor of No. 311 is occupied by a dentist and is not insured. Damage was done with water only to the ground and first floors of No. 311.

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The boys' quarters attached to some of the houses in Kowloon have been invaded by sneaking thieves during the last few days. One day last week a number of school-boys observed a thief making off with some articles from a cooler's quarters, and they gave chase and succeeded in capturing him. The boys hung on to his queue until the cooler whose articles had been stolen came up, and then handed him over to his care. The following day the thief was brought up at the Magistrate's court and sent to goal.

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General Richard Lawrence, the last of the five Lawrence brothers who distinguished themselves in India, has died at Biarritz, says a London telegram of Jan. 24th. General Lawrence was one of 12 children, whose father was Colonel Alexander Lawrence. Three children were born in Ireland, the family being Irish Protestants. Lord Lawrence, the famous Viceroy and Governor-General of India, Sir George St. Patrick Lawrence, and Sir Henry Lawrence, all greatly distinguished in India, were his brothers.

At the annual meeting of the Lawn Tennis Association, an important change in the rules of lawn tennis will be sanctioned, which was decided by the committee of the association, appointed to consider the question of balls which in a rally touch the net, report as follows:—We have sent out circulars to the clubs, associations, clubs, and players, and do find from our investigation of those that have been filled in and returned, that 97 per cent. in favour of the law remaining as it is, and that 44 are in favour of the ball which touches the net, passes over it, and remains in play, being reckoned a let, and the rest being replayed, whether the ball be returned after touching the net or not. In spite of these figures, we do recommend that the matter be brought up for discussion and decision at the next general meeting. —Home paper.

The following paragraph is taken from the *San Francisco Chronicle* of the 27th January:—Rev. Dr. McCarthy, who, since 1836, has been a missionary in the interior of China, spoke last evening at the Central Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. Dr. Dille having given to Sacramento to address the Young Women's Christian Association, and admit that he has witnessed the progress of missionary work, and painted a dark picture of the Mongol's moral and spiritual condition, declaring that it was as black as the night world itself, and as black as sin could make it. It would be a real work of grace, he thought, if the Chinese would give up his ancestral worship, which was idolatry of the roughest kind, and have to every advancement in China. More cured than idolatry and superstition, and the greatest obstacle to the spread of the gospel, was the opium habit, which England had forced on the country, despite the protest of the people and their Emperor. [Good cheer.] He might have been more in twenty-nine years than that. —En. C.M.

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## REUTERS'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLEMENT TO THE "CHINA MAIL."] LONDON, Feb. 24, 1896. RUSSIA AND COREA. It is declared in St. Petersburg that Russia does not intend to occupy Corea, but that she is entitled to guarantee its complete autonomy.

## THE ANGLO-FRENCH SIAM TREATY.

In a discussion in the French Chamber, M. Berthelot said that the negotiations had been conducted in a spirit of conciliation, and that he hoped the same spirit would lead to an arrangement of other questions between Great Britain and France.

(Bangkok Times.)

## REFORM IN THE TRANSVAAL.

President Kruger has published draft bills creating a town council for Johannesburg and permitting the teaching of English in the schools. The trial of the Reform Committee has begun in Pretoria.

## ENGLAND AND FRANCE ON THE NIGER.

The Anglo-French Niger Commission have begun sitting in Paris. It is believed that the deliberations will be extended to other pending questions between England and France in West Africa.

Quizzing.—Grump (testily): "Surely you don't mean to call that stew-dish of ham and eggs?" Walter: "Sure, that's all I can call it, at all, at all. O don't understand how to speak any foreign language."

## SUPREME COURT.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION. (Before His Hon. W. M. Gooden, Acting Chief Justice.)

Wednesday, February 26.

THE CANTON INSURANCE COMPANY V. G. L. N. COXON AND OTHERS.

This was a decree for foreclosure. On the 24th of August, 1892, Mr. George Coxon borrowed three sums of money on mortgage. The first mortgage he gave to the Canton Insurance Company, Limited, for \$20,000. He then granted a second mortgage, subject to the first, to another party for \$10,000, and on the same day granted a third mortgage subject to the first and second for \$8,000. Notice was given by the Company to pay up. Default was made, and then the Company endeavored to sell off at the reserve price \$2,000. Nothing, however, was produced at the sale.

Mr. H. E. Pollock, instructed by Mr. E. O. Ellis, appeared for the plaintiffs. The defendants did not appear. His Lordship made an order for decree for foreclosure.

## THE CRISIS IN COREA.

The *Nichi Nichi Shinbun* prints the following Korean telegrams:—

The King is still at the Russian Legation, but will probably remove to Chong-dong, where preparations are being made to that end.

The Royal Guards, who received the Royal order to return to Seoul, are entertaining fey, and none have yet left for the capital.

The Russian ship *Bohr* left Nisenz on the 18th inst. for Chongju. Great uneasiness prevails in the Japanese Settlement at Incheon. Disorderly Korean residents are likely to attack the place, and all Japanese residents have abandoned business, and are effecting measures to withstand an attack.

Eighteen British marines left here for Seoul on the 12th inst. with sixteen pack-horses. One U. S. officer and twenty-four men proceeded to the capital the same day with 17 horses.

Two Russian officers left here for Seoul to-day with a military machine.

The *Choo Shinbun* has the following:—

Paris, February 16. The Japanese Minister-Resident has called on the Russian Minister and stated that it is undesirable that collisions between the guards and residents of both countries should occur at this juncture, attention should be paid by each to avoid such occurrences. The Russian Minister at once offered assurances to that end. The King and Crown Prince will return to Seoul on the 27th inst. Rumour has it that Ming Ei-chun will be appointed Premier.

The *Jiji Shimpō* states that the new Korean Government dispatched yesterday the following telegram to the Korean Minister in Tokyo, which was received at the Foreign Department to report the matter:—Although a new Cabinet has been established, progressive principles will remain unchanged, and friendly relations with Japan will undergo no change. Intimate this to the Japanese Government.

The British cruiser *Zambou* left Nagasaki on the 16th inst. carrying a guard of marines, under command of Lieutenant R. N., for the protection of the British Legation at Seoul.

At the present time there are in Seoul upwards of 400 foreign troops—Russian, British, American, and probably some Germans.

## NEWS BY THE CANADIAN MAIL.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—The long contest over the silver bill is at an end in the Senate, that body having to-day passed the Free Silver Coinage substitute to the House. The bill is the decisive vote of 42 to 35, a majority of 7 for free silver.

This result was reached at 3 o'clock to-day, after a series of hours of debate and sharp parliamentary fighting. The public interest in the culmination of the protracted struggle was shown by the crowded galleries and a full attendance of the floor. 77 Senators being present and the others paired.

THE ARMENIAN QUESTION.—FUTURE OF BRITISH DIPLOMACY. London, Feb. 1.—The *St. James's Gazette* announces that it has learned that the Government has decided to support the programme for the work of the session. The proposals of the Government, the *Gazette* adds, will deal with four groups of subjects, namely, the defence and increase of the navy, measures for the relief of husbandry, Irish land legislation, and the question of the support of voluntary efforts.

Before and during the session, the Government, however, there will be a discussion of the foreign and colonial policy of the Government, especially regarding Transvaal, Venezuela, and Armenia. The latter portion of the debate promises to provide much interesting reading, in view of the importance of Great Britain's position in the world, and the fact that the Marquis of Salisbury made yesterday evening, and which, it is claimed, show that there has been a complete failure of British diplomacy.

rumored resignation of the Ministers as the outcome of disunion over the naval costs of the Empire. The *Vossische Zeitung* says that the retirement of Dr. von Boetticher, Secretary of State for the Interior, is a certainty and that he will be succeeded by Herr von Puttkamer. Dr. von Boetticher spoke as usual in the Reichstag yesterday. It is also reported that Vice-Admiral Hollmann, Secretary of State for the Navy, has resigned. The Berlin correspondent of the *Standard* says that if the latter report be true, it may be regarded as an indication that it has been decided to build several swift cruisers. The Berlin correspondent of the *Times*, noticing these rumors, says: "Where everything depends on one sovereign will, the exercise of which is not subjected to any known laws, it is useless to attempt to forecast the future."

MR. MORLEY ON THE MONROE DOCTRINE. London, Jan. 30.—Mr. John Morley, speaking at Anvers, said that Lord Salisbury blundered in questioning the Monroe doctrine, to which America is strenuously attached. He added that if over there was a case for arbitration it was the Venezuela boundary dispute.

ATTENT ON THE KING OF PORTUGAL'S LIFE. Lisbon, Jan. 30.—While King Charles was returning to the palace to-day after a drive in an open carriage, accompanied by an aide-de-camp, an anarchist workman threw a stone at His Majesty. The missile, however, hit the aide-de-camp, who jumped from the carriage and seized and held the anarchist, until the latter was arrested. The stone was removed, shouting cheers for social revolution.

AN IMPORTANT SPEECH BY MR. CHAMBERLAIN. London, Jan. 26.—Mr. Joseph Chamberlain referred in Birmingham last night, to the Venezuela matter. "President Cleveland, whose acquaintance I have the honor to possess," said Mr. Chamberlain, "is a man of great address, and a high reputation for rectitude and honesty. He is incapable of the wickedness of inciting two kindred nations to strife and bloodshed."

## NEWS BY THE AMERICAN MAIL.

THE DEATH OF LORD LEIGHTON. London, Jan. 25.—Lord Leighton, better known as Sir Frederick Leighton, president of the Royal Academy, died this afternoon, aged 65. He suffered from a chill this morning, followed by a serious affection of the heart, which resulted fatally. He died in great agony. His health had been precarious for some time. Last summer, when he was in Algeria, a report came that he was dying, but he recovered. He had been suffering for a long time from an affection of the heart. On Monday he caught cold and was confined to his house. This morning he was taken with a violent chill, greatly aggravating the heart trouble. Grave symptoms appeared and he suffered great agony during the afternoon. In spite of frequent paroxysms of pain, however, he retained his senses until almost the last moment. The deceased scene was extended by touching the interlaid strong doses of chloroform were given the dying man in order to soothe the severe pain he was enduring, and as the end came he lifted up his right hand and with difficulty exclaimed, "My love to the Academy." A few moments later he expired in great agony. The funeral will be under the auspices of the Royal Academy.

RUSSIA NOW MASTER OF THE EUROPEAN SITUATION. London, January 25.—The information in the Constantinople dispatch to the *Pall Mall Gazette* regarding a Russo-Turkish alliance is confirmed to-day from an excellent source, a letter from the Speaker's correspondent at Constantinople, in which the writer declares that the Russo-Turkish treaty is an actual fact, although it does not exist on paper. The correspondent adds: "Russia is absolute master of the situation and it is believed here that the enormous 'backwash' sent by the Sultan to the Czar, valued at \$30,000,000 and including one of the most famous jewels in the imperial collection, makes the secret treaty of alliance between Russia and Turkey the integrity of the Ottoman Empire and agree to assist in the restoration of order in Kurdistan and also in the defence of the Dardanelles. France follows Russia as a blind man follows his dog. France was the first to denounce the treaty of Berlin, and she is the first to break it. The attitude of Germany is more flexible than that of France. She is trying to win favor with Russia by her Herding—Herd. The outcome of the Armenian difficulty has been the triumph of Russia and the humiliation of Great Britain." The English newspapers generally accept this view of the defeat of their diplomacy. The *Chronicle*, almost alone, views the situation with complacency, and thinks it ought to lead to a complete entente between Russia and Great Britain on the whole Atlantic question, including Egypt. About the report has caused a great deal of anxiety. The *Standard's* Vienna correspondent admits that the general impression there is that some arrangement between Russia and Turkey actually exists. The *New York Herald* of Vienna says: "There is no doubt Russia has exercised strong influence at Constantinople, but Europe can scarcely abandon its interests in Turkey in favor of a single power."

[The above means anything, is all in favour of the position taken up by Lord Salisbury.—En. C.M.]

CHUCK AT A CHINESE DIPLOMAT'S RESIDENCE. New York, January 25.—Mrs. Yang Yu, wife of the Chinese Minister, was at home to her friends yesterday from 3 to 6 o'clock, and if she had known beforehand she had so many friends in Washington she would probably have been "out." Notice of her reception was, unfortunately, published in the morning papers, and the mob that besieged the door expected anything known to Washington society for years. At 3 o'clock the barricaded door was opened and the crowd rushed in like a torrent. There were fashionable women, and those less so; country Congressmen's wives, with all their trappings, and a great number of those who knew that in Washington no introduction is needed, and that at afternoon functions particularly they are welcome to touch elbows with the great world of swelldom they love to read and think about. Mrs. Yu had two American ladies assisting her, and it was difficult for outsiders to get in, and it was difficult for those who were in to get out. The Chinese Legation and its inmates are always the target for the excitable curiosity of the Washington party. Last winter, when invitations were issued to an evening reception, rumors went flying about that there would be strange and unheard of delinquencies in the dining-room, costly favors dispensed in the ballroom, and a general carnival of luxury. The result was that the house was so crowded that dancing was impossible, and what might have been a pleasing entertainment became an uncomfortable crush. The Minister and his wife have not since repeated their effort to give an evening party. Their attempt at an afternoon at home seems to be equally unfeasible.

## A NEW PLAY.

London, Jan. 25.—The recent sitting political events have led to the request that the Federal visited the United States last autumn to deliver an address at Harvard University. "We are sure," says the

houses presenting such plays have been doing an extremely large business. Lieutenant Stewart Gordon, R.N., has collaborated with Leonard Outram in the preparation of "True Blue," a nautical drama, which will be produced at the Olympia under the management of Sir Augustus Harris, when ever "Cheer, Boys, Cheer," shows signs of waning popularity. The new play is replete with stirring events and will illustrate in a forcible manner what actual life is on board a man-of-war.

THE DEATH OF PRINCE HENRY. London, Jan. 25.—The telegram received from Osborne since the news of the death of Prince Henry was made known there show that both the Queen and Princess Beatrice were terribly overwhelmed by the evil tidings from Sierra Leone. The Princess was prostrated throughout Wednesday and did not dine with the royal family, and remained in her bedroom until 11 o'clock on Thursday morning. When she resumed it was noticed that the Princess bore deep traces of a night spent in weeping for the dead, and she seemed almost heartbroken when her children were taken to greet her. Princess Beatrice spent the afternoon with the Queen, who did everything possible to console her, although her Majesty suffered greatly herself. Bulletin which from time to time were posted outside the gates of Osborne House stated that the Queen and her daughter were intensely affected, but that her Majesty's health was not menaced. These announcements were made necessary by the alarming reports circulated on the Black Exchange.

THE VENEZUELA DISPUTE. London, Jan. 25.—The *Chronicle*, a correspondent of the *London Times*, called from Washington to his paper to-day as follows: "The full force of the English objection to the Venezuelan Commission has never, I think, been appreciated here. Americans are surprised when they are told that English recognition of the Commission is impossible. They hardly understand why they should be warned by a London evening paper that an American claim to determine the British boundary is one which could only be conceded after defeat in a long war, and that if such a demand were made by any other power it would be met by having its Ambassador and his passport removed, and a fleet. Such language does not clarify the vision of the Americans. It simply creates irritation and resentment. Justice Brewer's letter is discussed here as if it embodied a perfectly actual appeal for the friendly co-operation of England in the work of the Commission. That is the view of the Administration. Smalley suggests that in view of a sincere desire in Washington to see the full text of the British case, that Lord Salisbury publish the documents as a supplement to the *London Gazette*.

New York, January 23.—The *World's Cable* from Caracas, Venezuela, says: Michael McCarty, the head magistrate of British Guiana, who has been identified for years with the usurpation of Venezuelan territory, has been relieved of his judicial duties in order that he may command an expedition charged with enforcing the true length of the Guyana river lying in the disputed territory. This news has caused a great stir here. *El Liberal*, in a leading editorial, calls the attention of the Government to the military preparations on the Guiana frontier, which, although London denies it, are going forward. On the British island of Trinidad the forces are being repaired and the militia is being drilled in the method of handling the new heavy guns. In the name of the people of Venezuela the Government is asked to fortify Amouzo, Carapaez and Cuyuni, on the frontier, in order to be ready for war if arbitration fails. The moment of truth is approaching. The military strength would be to unite the country, it is argued, and command the respect of President Greco's bitterest enemies. The English plan is believed to be to fortify the disputed territory while the American Commission is investigating, and if its report is correct, the British plan is to be prepared to hold it forth. Dr. President Guzman Blanco denies that there is a conspiracy against Venezuela. He pronounces the story of it the work of enemies at a time when all Venezuelans owe their support to President Greco against a common enemy.

CLEVELAND'S SYMPATHY WITH THE QUEEN. London, Jan. 24.—Ambassador Bayard to-day sent Queen Victoria a message from President Cleveland, expressing sincere condolence with her Majesty on the death of Prince Henry of Battenberg.

## LAUGHTER OF ARMENIANS.

London, January 24.—A Constantinople dispatch to the *Chronicle* says that letters received there from Armenia report that 2000 Armenians were killed in the recent riot, the slaughter being mostly done with axes.

## COBA'S GREAT HEAD DYING.

Havana, January 24.—For some time past reports have been in circulation here concerning the physical condition of General Maximo Gomez, commander-in-chief of the insurgent forces. One story was that he was suffering from wounds and that he was seriously ill with fever. It appears from information derived from trustworthy sources that neither of these reports is correct, but it is positively asserted that the insurgent chief is a very sick man. It is stated upon authority that the doctors in attendance upon General Gomez recently held a consultation and diagnosed his case as being an advanced stage of consumption, complicated with fever. It is further stated that physicians have come to the conclusion that Gomez can live only about two months longer. These statements have caused considerable alarm among the insurgents and their friends, as, over though his condition may be exaggerated to some degree, it is believed the main facts are correct.

## A NOTABLE WEDDING.

London, January 23.—Henry Charles Sumner Augustus Somerset, son of Lady Henry Somerset, president of the British Women's Temperance Union, was married to-day at St. Peter's Church, Eaton square, to Lady Catherine Dora Bouverie, daughter of the Duke of St. Albans.

## A LONG OCEAN RACE.

New York, January 23.—The *China* ship *Chambers*, of Boston, (Captain Frank) and *William Connor*, (Captain Pendleton) crossed the bar together last night outward bound. The *John Currier*, (Captain Lawrence), and the *Joseph*, (Captain Gilley) left later for the same port. Shanghai. The ship that first reaches that destination will win a prize of \$400, which the captains have made up.

## ONE OF THE IMMORTALS.

Paris, January 23.—Anatole France, the author, has been elected to the Academy.

## BRITAIN AND VENEZUELA.

London, January 24.—The *Chronicle* understands that Sir Frederick Pollock, Corpus professor of jurisprudence at the University of Oxford, has been entrusted with the compiling of the British case in its appeal against the Venezuelan boundary. The Federal visited the United States last autumn to deliver an address at Harvard University. "We are sure," says the

## BRITISH NAVAL ESTIMATES.

London, January 23.—The *Daily Telegraph* understands that the net total of the navy estimates for the year will be at least the same as in 1895, namely \$18,701,000. The estimate total for ship building will be as large as \$5,393,642.

## STOCK & COIN IN EUROPE.

London, January 23.—A Paris dispatch to the *Standard* says that *L'Economiste Europeen* publishes estimates showing that the stock of gold in European State banks has increased since 1894 by \$124,500,000 sterling. At the end of 1895 the banks of France and Russia possessed between them gold representing half the stock of gold in all the banks of Europe.

## MODERNA'S CONDUCTOR.

Cincinnati, January 27.—Modjeska's company abandoned and returned to New York to-night. The actress, who is the Barret House, suffering from throatitis, is clothing of blood in the jugular vein. Her physicians decided this afternoon that she must remain here four weeks longer at least.

Chronicle, "that Lord Salisbury and Mr. Chamberlain will put no obstacles in the way of a Venezuelan settlement." The Berlin correspondent of the *Telegraph* says he is assured on good authority that he dispute will be settled directly between England and Venezuela.

THE SILVER QUESTION. Berlin, Jan. 25.—The Reichstag to-day Dr. Theodor Barth, Radical Unionist, asked the Chancellor, Prince von Hohenlohe, if the Government could make a statement regarding the plan for summoning an international monetary conference, which the governments have been considering. The Chancellor replied that he was not in a position to give any information now, but he hoped to be able to state shortly the attitude of the federal governments relative to the resolution adopted by the Reichstag in February last. Count von Kerdorff said the Imperial party would await the statement, but would increase its endeavors to bring the currency question still more to the foreground in the future, especially since the Government had unconsciously rejected Count von Kerdorff's proposal. The resolution referred to was the motion of Count von Moltke, the Agr







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has spread to the provinces; which could only take place because the officials everywhere have a very good understanding with each other. It is known, however, that the

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each other. If Hunan has momentarily changed its attitude it is because of a change in Peking. Yet these three events have a peculiarly contradictory look. The Hunan incident looks like chance contemplated the

the Missionary Memorial at a stand-still looks like hesitation. The political prophet must find the mandarins most dubious	WP stock	29.90	30	—	WSW	1	b	—
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They see the force of proposals they have	Gap Rock	30.00	—	—	NE	2	—
not the courage to carry out, and the great	Pakhoi	30.00	65	84	SSE	1	0
danger is that timid courses may lead them	Pakhoi	29.98	62	—	E	2	0
back to the old obstructive paths. Now at	Hai Phong	29.91	65	87	SE	—	0

least is the time for the men who sincerely support the new movement to show their mettle. The Emperor has closed their Institution. What then? Will they retire

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lay aside all their hopes? Or will they	Shanghai, 30.10	43	98	SSZ	2	0	0
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